

CITY OF ALAMEDA

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Lisa Goldman
Acting City Manager

Date: May 3, 2011

Re: Authorize the Purchase of a Sewer Inspection Cargo Van in the Amount of \$301,000 and Authorize the Acting City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents

BACKGROUND

Alameda is one of seven satellite agencies in Alameda County that rely on the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) to accept and treat its sewage. During periods of heavy rain, inflow and infiltration of stormwater into the sewer pipes increase the flow volume, and EBMUD's facilities are unable to convey and process all the wet weather flows. In January 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a Cease & Desist Order to EBMUD, prohibiting discharges from its wet weather facilities (WWF) because sanitary sewer overflows from the WWF were entering the Bay and affecting water quality. In July 2009, EBMUD entered into Stipulated Order with EPA and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) requiring it to develop programs, in conjunction with the satellite agencies, to address the regional wet weather problem.

Based on the results from initial studies conducted by EBMUD and its subsequent negotiations with EPA and SWRCB, EBMUD determined that rehabilitation of the satellite's local collection systems would be more cost effective than upgrading its WWF. This decision effectively placed the responsibility for reducing wet weather flows on the satellite agencies. In October 2009, EPA issued administration compliance orders to each of the satellite agencies identifying the initial steps required to reduce wet weather flows.

DISCUSSION

The Administrative Order (AO) issued to the City of Alameda requires the completion of certain minimum improvements to the sewer facilities within the next 20 years including upgrade of all 42 existing pump and lift stations, increase to sewer main capacity and reliability, and implementation of new management and policy procedures. The AO specifies that the City is required to clean approximately 16 miles of sanitary sewer mains annually and to develop on-going maintenance practices to address problem areas. Staff proposes to address these requirements by videoing all the sewer mains as they are cleaned. This is the current practice of many of the satellite agencies and

will enable maintenance staff to identify short and long term areas of concern and forward potential problems to engineering staff for resolution. To accomplish this work, the Public Works Department will need to purchase a cargo van mounted television truck system. The purchase of the vehicle and equipment was anticipated in the recent sewer rate increase approved by the City Council.

The Public Works Department proposes to purchase the cargo van through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) procurement program, known as HGACBuy. It is a nationwide, government-to-government procurement service that has procured products and services for over 30 years. All contracts available to members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with state statutes. The City recently used this procurement process to purchase two street sweepers for the City's Urban Runoff Program.

The Alameda Municipal Code, Subsection 2-61-7, Joint Purchases with Public Agencies, provides authority for the City to use another government agency's competitive bidding process to purchase materials, supplies, equipment, vehicles, and apparatus, "provided the purchase is the result of competitive bidding or proposal and is made in compliance with the competitive bid or proposal requirements of any participating agency or organization in a manner that is consistent with law." In order to assure a cost-effective purchase, the Public Works Department proposes to "piggy-back" onto the HGACBuy existing competitive bid and purchase the cargo van mounted television truck system for \$301,000. This price includes taxes, delivery charges, and administrative fees. In addition, the cargo van will meet all required air quality regulations and mandates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City Council approved a mid-year budget adjustment of \$351,000 from the Sewer Fund (06020-72010) for the purchase of a sewer inspection cargo van with video taping capabilities to monitor sewer mains. There is no impact to the General Fund.

MUNICIPAL CODE/POLICY DOCUMENT CROSS REFERENCE

This action does not affect the Alameda Municipal Code.

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RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the purchase of a sewer inspection cargo van in the amount of \$301,000 and authorize the Acting City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Respectfully submitted,



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Public Works Director

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Jesse Barajas
Public Works Superintendent

Approved as to funds and account,



Fred Marsh
Controller